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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Health Center Controlled Networks

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Class Deviation from Competition Requirements for Health Center Controlled Networks.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Awarding Agency Grants Administration Manual (AAGAM) Chapter 2.04.103, the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) has been granted a class deviation from the exceptions to maximum competition requirements contained in the AAGAM Chapter 2.04.104A-5 to provide additional funding without competition to the 37 Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCNs) awarded under announcement HRSA-13-237, extending their December 1, 2014, to November 31, 2015, budget period through July 31, 2016. This action will align the project period end dates of all active HCCN grants and ensure maximum competition for a single HCCN funding opportunity in fiscal year (FY) 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Intended Recipient of the Award: Health Center Controlled Networks awarded under funding

opportunity announcement HRSA-13-237.

Amount of Non-Competitive Awards: \$11,909,772.

Period of Supplemental Funding: December 1, 2015, to July 31, 2016.

CFDA Number: 93.527.

Authority: Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 254b, as amended).

JUSTIFICATION: Health Center Controlled Networks enhance the use of health information technology (HIT) to improve the quality of care provided by Health Center Program awardees and look-alikes, collectively referred to as health centers. HCCNs bring health centers together to jointly address operational and clinical challenges, particularly the acquisition and implementation of HIT in a cost-efficient manner. They help fulfill the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and address HRSA's goal that all Health Center Program awardees will:

- acquire and effectively implement certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology to enable all eligible providers to become meaningful users of EHRs as defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS);
- access EHR incentive program payments; and
- enhance data reporting and technology-enabled quality improvement activities.

Two HCCN funding opportunities were competed in FY 2013, resulting in two grant cohorts with project period end dates that differ by 8 months: 37 grants funded under HRSA-13-237 ending November 30, 2015, and six grants funded under HRSA-13-267 ending July 31, 2016.

BPHC requests to implement one project period end date for all active HCCNs, July 31, 2016, by

providing an additional 8 months of support to grants funded under HRSA-13-237. Creating one funding cycle will prevent a lapse in funding that may jeopardize HIT implementation underway at the health centers receiving technical assistance from the HCCNs. By September 30, 2015, \$11,909,772 will be awarded to continue the 37 grants' approved activities for 8 months (see Table 1). Awardees will report progress and financial obligations made during the 8-month budget period extension as instructed by the Notice of Award.

Table 1: Recipient Grants and Award Amounts

Grant Number	Organization Name	Award Amount (\$)
H2QCS25654	ALABAMA PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION, INC.	316,667
H2QCS25636	COLORADO COMMUNITY MANAGED CARE NETWORK	316,667
H2QCS25650	COMMUNITY CLINIC ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	416,667
H2QCS25663	COMMUNITY HEALTH ACCESS NETWORK, INC.	416,667
H2QCS25644	COMMUNITY HEALTH BEST PRACTICES, LLC.	262,893
H2QCS25665	COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE, INC.	466,654
H2QCS25655	COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT	266,667
H2QCS25635	COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF ARKANSAS, INC.	144,096
H2QCS25651	COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY CLINICS	266,667
H2QCS25652	GOLDEN VALLEY HEALTH CENTERS	316,667
H2QCS25659	GRACE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.	316,667
H2QCS25637	HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION	266,667
H2QCS25657	HEALTH CHOICE NETWORK, INC.	466,667
H2QCS25671	HEALTH FEDERATION OF PHILADELPHIA, THE	266,667
H2QCS25638	IDAHO PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION	266,667
H2QCS25639	IN CONCERTCARE, INC.	266,667
H2QCS25640	KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED	266,667
H2QCS25641	LOUISIANA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION, INC.	316,667
H2QCS25660	MAINE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION	266,667
H2QCS25661	MICHIGAN PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION	366,352
H2QCS25642	MISSOURI COALITION FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE	366,667

H2QCS25643	MONTANA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION, INC.	316,667
H2QCS25658	NEAR NORTH HEALTH SERVICE CORPORATION, THE	416,667
H2QCS25645	NEW MEXICO PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION	266,667
H2QCS25647	OCHIN, INC.	516,667
H2QCS25666	OHIO SHARED INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.	266,667
H2QCS25649	PTSO OF WASHINGTON	416,667
H2QCS25653	REDWOOD COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK	266,667
H2QCS25646	SOONERVERSE, INC.	266,667
H2QCS25656	SOUTHBRIDGE MEDICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, INC.	266,667
H2QCS25664	SOUTHERN JERSEY FAMILY MEDICAL CENTERS, INC.	266,667
H2QCS25667	TENNESSEE PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION	286,443
H2QCS25648	TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC.	516,667
H2QCS25662	THE COASTAL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, INC.	266,667
H2QCS25668	VIRGINIA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION, INC.	366,667
H2QCS25669	WEST VIRGINIA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION INC	316,667
H2QCS25670	WISCONSIN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION, INC.	266,667

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